



## National Parks are Only a T Ride Away

### April 21- 25, 2010

You do not need a car to reach a National Park near you. You can get to 12 National Park Service sites by using the MBTA. You can use the T any day to reach these parks, but between Wednesday, April 21 and Sunday, April 25 a park ranger will meet you at the train station or trolley stop and escort you to his/her park. Explore the list of programs below and decide which park you would like to visit. You can enjoy your choice of walking tours and Junior Ranger Day events.

Thursday, April 22 is the 40<sup>th</sup> Earth Day. Visiting a National Park is an ideal way to celebrate. Reduce your carbon footprint by using public transportation to make your day in the park environmentally friendly.

#### On the Subway:

##### Blue Line:

**Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area**  
*Junior Ranger Day on Georges Island*



Saturday, April 24, 2010  
11:00a.m. ferry departs (2:00 p.m. return ferry departs) 3 ½ hours  
Become a Boston Harbor Islands Junior Ranger. Explore a Civil War Fort, march on the Parade Grounds, and brave the Corridor of Dungeons. Take part in protecting and enjoying the Boston Harbor!

- T** Meet a park ranger outside the [Aquarium stop \(Blue line\)](#) by the New England Aquarium exit. Discounted ferry prices of only \$5 per person Boston's Best Cruises Ferry departs from Long Wharf North in Christopher Columbus Park. 30 second walk between T stop & Long Wharf North, the ferry ride is 30 minutes long. For more information and tickets see [www.bostonislands.org](http://www.bostonislands.org) or call 617-223-8666

"In total, Americans using public transportation reduce our nation's carbon footprint by 37 million metric tons annually." William Millar, President of the American Public Transportation Association

##### Green Line:

**John F. Kennedy National Historic Site**  
*The Making of a Leader: John F. Kennedy's Brookline Years*

Saturday, April 24, 2010 (weather permitting)  
1:00 – 3:15p.m. 2 ¼ hours  
Great leaders are not born as such, they are made. Explore the formative years of America's 35<sup>th</sup> president. This interactive walking tour includes JFK's birthplace and boyhood neighborhood, Kennedy family stories and photographs.



- T** Meet a park ranger at the [Coolidge Corner stop, \(C\) Cleveland Circle \(Green line\)](#) in front of the CVS on the corner of Beacon and Harvard streets (across the street from the T-stop). The tour will end at the Babcock Street stop (B) Boston College (Green line). Free and open to the public  
1 mile of flat terrain paved sidewalks  
For more information see [www.nps.gov/jofi](http://www.nps.gov/jofi) or call 617- 566-7937

In 2007 33% of carbon dioxide emission from fossil fuel combustion was produced by transportation, second only to the production of electricity (Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emission and Sinks: 1990-2007).



### Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site

*The Riverway: Ribbon of Green*

Sunday, April 25, 2010

1:00p.m. 90 minutes, ¾ mile, rain or shine

Stroll along "the meandering water and blooming islets" of the Riverway. Explore the marriage of landscape art and clever engineering in this section of Frederick Law Olmsted's "emerald necklace" of parks.

**T** Meet a park ranger at the **Longwood Avenue stop (D) Riverside (Green Line)**, Chapel Street, Brookline, Massachusetts.

Free and open to the public

For more information see [www.nps.gov/frla](http://www.nps.gov/frla) or call 617-566-1689.

### Green Line and Red Line:



### Boston African American National Historic Site

*Black Heritage Trail*

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

1:45p.m. 90 minutes, 1.6 miles

This walking tour explores the rich history of free African Americans in antebellum Boston and their leading efforts in the Abolition Movement, the Underground Railroad, and the early struggles for equal rights.

**T** Meet a park ranger at **Park Street station (Red and Green line)**, corner of Park and Tremont Streets.

Free and open to the public

For more information see [www.nps.gov/boaf](http://www.nps.gov/boaf) or call 617-742-5415

### Red Line:

#### Adams National Historical Park

*Spirits of Quincy's Past*

Friday, April 23, 2010

11:00a.m. and 1:00p.m.

45 minutes, 1 block

Stroll among the stones in the Hancock Cemetery and hear of the Adams family. Follow a historic character to the United First Parish Church, where two American Presidents and First Ladies "lie in wait". Tour the homes of Adams National Historical Park.



**T** Meet a park ranger at the **Quincy Center station (Braintree Red line)**, not the Quincy Adams station.

Free and open to the public

All in one block

For more information see [www.nps.gov/adam](http://www.nps.gov/adam) or call 617-770-1175

#### Boston National Historical Park

*Tea Party with the T!*

Saturday, April 24, 2010 (weather permitting)

2:00p.m. 1 hour, ½ mile

Visit the site of the Boston Tea Party with a Park Ranger! Discover how this infamous protest brought on the Revolutionary War and set the stage for American Independence.

**T** Meet a park ranger in front of **South Station (Red line)**, by the South Station T Entrance

Free and open to the public

For more information see [www.nps.gov/bost](http://www.nps.gov/bost) or call 617-242-5642

### Orange:

#### Boston National Historical Park

*Patriots of Color at the Battle of Bunker Hill*

Saturday, April 24, 2010

2:00p.m. 1 hour, ¾ mile

While on a walking tour of the Bunker Hill Battlefield, learn why a group of men who were never equal fought with their peers in the battle that destroyed a town, yet created a nation!

**T** Meet a park ranger in front of the **Community College station (Orange line)**

Free and open to the public

For more information see [www.nps.gov/bost](http://www.nps.gov/bost) or call 617-242-5601



## Commuter Rail from North Station:



### Lowell National Historical Park

#### *Earth Day 1800*

Thursday, April 22, 2010

11:15a.m. 1 hour, ½ mile

Did the city dweller of the 1800s have a concept of “earth day” during the Industrial Revolution? See how the industrial landscape of canals and transportation systems become Lowell’s present “green city.” No reservations are required.

**T** Meet a park ranger in the **Kennedy Center at Gallagher Terminal** in Lowell. This tour is timed to meet train #1303 leaving Boston’s North Station at 10:10a.m. and arriving in Lowell at 10:54a.m. Information on return shuttle runs and the commuter rail is available at the Lowell National Park Visitor Center.  
\$1.00 ages 13-59 years, \$.50 for seniors and children 6-12 for shuttle bus, one-way  
For more information see [www.nps.gov/lowe](http://www.nps.gov/lowe) or call (978)970-5000.

### Minute Man National Historical Park

#### *Discord in Concord*

Thursday, April 22, 2010

2:00p.m. 90 minute walking tour, 1.5 miles (3 miles round trip)

Compare and contrast how the residents of Concord, Massachusetts chose to defy the laws of the land both on April 19, 1775 and through their participation in the Underground Railroad.

**T** Meet a park ranger at the **train station in Concord**, 90 Thoreau Street, on the **Fitchburg line**. This tour is timed to meet train # 422 from Fitchburg arriving in Concord at 1:53p.m. and train # 423 from North Station arriving in Concord at 1:56p.m. The tour will end at the North Bridge. An escort back to the train station is available if desired.  
Free and open to the public.  
For more information see [www.nps.gov/mima](http://www.nps.gov/mima) or call 978-369-6993



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**T** Meet a park ranger at the **train station in Concord**, 90 Thoreau Street, on the **Fitchburg line**. This tour is timed to meet train # 1408 from Fitchburg arriving in Concord at 12:01p.m. and train # 1407 from North Station arriving in Concord at 12:03p.m. The tour will end at the North Bridge.  
An escort back to the train station is available if desired.  
Free and open to the public.  
For more information see [www.nps.gov/mima](http://www.nps.gov/mima) or call 978-369-6993

People living in households within ¼ mile of rail and 1/10 mile from a bus stop drive approximately 4,400 fewer miles annually as compared to persons in similar households with no access to public transit (American Public Transportation Association).



**Salem Maritime National Historic Site**  
*National Junior Ranger Day: A Sailor's Life*  
 Saturday, April 24, 2010

10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m. spend 1/2 an hour or the day,  
 20 minute walk to the Salem Regional Visitor Center,  
 1.5 miles round trip  
 Experience a sailor's life and earn your Junior Ranger  
 badge. Board Salem's East Indiaman Tall Ship,  
*Friendship*. Furl a sail. Look for salt water shore life.  
 Lots more!

**T** Meet a Park Ranger at the [Salem Commuter Rail Station](#). The trains arrive: 9:20, 9:59, 10:44, 11:20, 11:59 a.m., 12:44, 1:20, 1:59, and 2:44p.m.  
 Free and open to the public  
 For more information see [www.nps.gov/sama](http://www.nps.gov/sama) or call 978-740-1650

About one third of all greenhouse gasses in America come from transportation. One of the more effective ways to reduce your carbon footprint is to drive your car less often.

You can use public transportation when you recreate. The MBTA can bring you to 12 National Park Service sites:

1. Adams National Historical Park
2. Boston National Historical Park
3. Boston African American National Historic Site
4. Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area
5. Frederic Law Olmsted National Historic Site
6. John F. Kennedy National Historic Site
7. Longfellow National Historic Site
8. Lowell National Historical Park
9. Minute Man National Historical Park
10. Salem Maritime National Historic Site
11. Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site
12. Roger Williams National Memorial

Visit one each month for a year and learn about the history of national significance that is only a T-ride away.



**Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site**  
*National Junior Ranger Day*  
 Saturday, April 24, 2010

10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m. spend 1/2 an hour or the day.  
 Help inaugurate the Saugus Iron Works Junior Ranger Station! Working waterwheels! Lots of new hands-on activities! Bring your own binoculars. Have the barn swallows arrived yet for the season?

**T** Meet a Park Ranger at 244 Central Street, Saugus  
 Bus #430 arrives at Saugus Iron Works from Malden Center Station  
 Free and open to the public.  
 For more information see [www.nps.gov/sair](http://www.nps.gov/sair) or call 781-233-0050

**Commuter Rail from South Station:**  
**Roger Williams National Memorial**

*Take the T to Junior Ranger Day at Roger Williams National Memorial*  
 Saturday, April 24, 2010

12:30p.m. - 4:30p.m. stay as long as 2 hours. The park is a 5 minute walk from the train station.

Hey kids, we have a great day of activities just for you! Learn about Roger Williams and his beliefs in freedom and liberty. Earn a Junior Ranger badge. Enjoy "make and take" activities.



**T** Meet a Park Ranger across Gaspee Street from the entrance to [the train station](#) on the grassy area behind the State House. This tour is timed to meet train #1805 on the [Providence/Stoughton line](#) arriving at 12:12 pm to the Providence train station, 100 Gaspee Street, Providence, RI  
 Free and open to the public.  
 For more information see [www.nps.gov/rowi](http://www.nps.gov/rowi) or call 401-521-7266.